

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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EDUARDO GONZALEZ,

Plaintiff,

- against -

J&G ITALIAN RESTAURANT CORP. et al.,,

Defendants.  
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24-CV-9405 (RWL)

**ORDER  
APPROVING SETTLEMENT  
AND DISMISSING CASE**

**ROBERT W. LEHRBURGER, United States Magistrate Judge.**

This case is an action for damages under the Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 U.S.C. § 201 *et seq.* (“FLSA”) and the New York Labor Law. Before the Court is the parties’ joint letter request that the Court approve their settlement agreement, a fully executed copy of which was submitted on June 9, 2025. A federal court is obligated to determine whether settlement of an FLSA case under the court’s consideration is fair and reasonable and the subject of an arm’s length negotiation, not an employer’s overreaching. *See Cheeks v. Freeport Pancake House*, 796 F.3d 199 (2d Cir. 2015).

The Court has carefully reviewed the Settlement Agreement, following revision at the request of the Court, as well as the parties’ letter. The Court has taken into account, without limitation, prior proceedings in this action; the attendant risks, burdens, and costs associated with continuing the action; the range of possible recovery; whether the Settlement Agreement is the product of arm’s length bargaining between experienced counsel or parties; the amount of attorney’s fees; and the possibility of fraud or collusion. Among other attributes of the Settlement Agreement, there are no confidentiality

restrictions; the release is narrowly tailored to wage and hour claims (a result of the Court's requested revision); and the attorneys' fees are within a fair, reasonable, and acceptable range. The Settlement Agreement does include a non-disparagement provision, but it is mutual and does not prohibit truthful statements about the case or underlying facts. Considering all the circumstances, the Court finds that the Settlement Agreement is fair and reasonable and hereby approved.

This case, having resolved by settlement, is hereby dismissed and discontinued in its entirety, with prejudice, without costs or fees to any party, except as provided for in the parties' settlement agreement. The Clerk of Court is respectfully requested to terminate all motions and deadlines, and close this case.

SO ORDERED.

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ROBERT W. LEHRBURGER  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Dated: June 9, 2025  
New York, New York

Copies transmitted to all counsel of record.